CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	1418154996 569.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1600181.006
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	New Zealand
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	20 April 2016
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	20 April 2016

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The image is an amateur photograph of a man engaging a teenage girl in sexual activity. It is a photographic record of the sexual exploitation of the girl. In this particular case, the photograph was taken in New Zealand and if it were to be shared, along with details of the circumstances in which it was taken and the girl's identity, this dissemination would amount to further exploitation. The image advances the notion that young teenage girls are legitimate objects of adult sexual fantasies and viable sexual partners for adults. The effect is to encourage the sexual exploitation of young people. The image may also be used by adults to groom other teenagers to participate in sexual conduct.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The

classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.